

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 10:30 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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Replacing Sin

- Jared Green

Among Jesus' many great physical healings, he was well-known for casting out demons. In Luke 11, he cast out a demon that was mute, and once the demon was gone, the man was again able to speak. As they normally did, the people who saw the miracle marveled at what Jesus was able to do. The crowd reaction was mixed, however, as some believed Jesus was casting out demons in the name of Beelzebub, the prince of demons, while others sought a sign from heaven (11:14-16). Knowing the thoughts of the crowd, Jesus began to teach that he was casting out demons "by the finger of God" (11:20). At the end of his argument, Jesus taught a powerful lesson that extends well beyond casting out demons. Jesus said: When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, "I will return to my house from which I came." And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first (11:24-26).



While Jesus is not in the business of casting demons from people today, Jesus is in the business of casting out sin. Upon our baptism into Christ, our sins are forgiven (Acts 2:38). While Christ's grace alone provides forgiveness, we carry an important responsibility in our new Christian walks. It is vital that we replace the sin which once reigned in our lives with Christ-centered, obedient living.

What Jesus taught about the unclean spirits stands true on the topic of sin. When sin is cast from our lives, temptation is bound to return, and when temptation returns, it will undoubtedly be hard to fight against. So, when temptation returns, what will it find? Will temptation find a breeding ground for sin in your "house"? Or will it find that you have replaced the sin in your life with godliness? We must put to death worldly, sinful living (Colossians 3:5) in order that Christ-like living can take hold in our lives (Galatians 5:16-24). God loves you, and so do I.

- Jared Green preaches the Calvert City Church of Christ in Calvert City, KY.
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Due to our AMC evangelism involvement, our schedule for worship, Bible class, and third hour activities are as follows.

Effective August 11

Worship	9:30 - 10:40
Bible Class	11:00 - 11:45
AMC/L2L	11:50 - 12:30

2024 Theme:

The Gospel Is for All

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Bible Authority

John 8:31-32

I. God Has All Authority.

- A. There is absolute truth- John 8:31-32, 4:23-24, 17:17
- B. God spoke the truth through His son- John 14:23-24, Hebrews 1:1-2
- C. God has given His son all authority- John 3:35, Matthew 28:18, Ephesians 1:22-23, John 12:48

II. His Spirit Revealed His Word.

- A. The revelation of all truth was promised to the apostles- John 14:26, 16:13
- B. All truth was revealed during the life of the apostles- Jude 3

III. His Word Is All We Need.

- A. His word was written to create faith- John 20:30-31, Romans 10:17
- B. His word can save us- James 1:21, 1 Peter 1:23, 2 Timothy 3:15
- C. There is no need for additional revelation- 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:3
- D. We must not make any changes to His word- Galatians 1:6-9, Leviticus 10:1-2

IV. Which Part Do We Follow?

- A. Remember, Christ has all authority- Matthew 18:18, John 12:48
- B. There is a contrast made between the Old and New Testament- Hebrews 1:1-2, John 1:17
- C. Christ is the mediator of a new covenant- Hebrews 8:6-13
- D. He became the mediator by His death- Hebrews 9:15-17, Galatians 3:11-13, 23-25, Ephesians 2:15, Romans 7:4-6

Notes:

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 215 Hear Me When I Call (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Prayer

Song: 784 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 213 He Gave Me a Song

Song: 154 Give Me the Bible (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 118 Count Your Blessings (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Scripture Reading: John 8:31-32

Sermon

Song: 207 Hark! The Gentle Voice

Song: 36 Amazing Grace! (vs. 1, 6)

Prayer

John 8:31-32

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23